

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1331
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BALIKA SAMRIDHI YOJANA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have launched Balika Samriddhi Yojana in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the benefit given under this scheme to each State particularly in Tamil Nadu/Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether some State Governments have suggested some modifications in this scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Scheme of Balika Samriddhi Yojana was launched on 2nd October, 1997 with the objective of raising the overall status of the girl child and bringing out a positive change in family and community attitudes towards her. The scheme covers upto two girl children born on or after 15th August, 1997 in a family living below the poverty line, as defined by the Government of India, in any rural and urban area. During 1997-98 and 1998-99, the scheme was implemented as a Central Sector Plan Scheme under which the funds were released to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for giving a grant of Rs. 500/- in cash to the mothers of the new born girl children. The scheme was reviewed in 1999 and was recast as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to extend 100% Central assistance to States and UTs to provide benefits under the scheme. As per the recast scheme, the post delivery grant of Rs. 500/- will be deposited in an interest bearing account in a bank or post office in the name of girl child. In addition, the girl child will be entitled to receive scholarship for each class of study successfully completed by her, ranging from Rs. 300/- for Class-I to Rs. 1000/- Class-X. The scholarship amounts will also be deposited in the above account. The accumulated value of the deposits in the account will be payable to the girl child on her attaining the age of 18 years and having remained unmarried till then.

(c): A State-wise allocation of funds for the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 for implementation of the scheme is annexed.

The following amount was released to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu
1997-98	219.53	238.16
1998-99	219.445	149.54
1999-00	146.35	158.77

(d), (e) & (f): The State Governments of Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan had sent their comments on the draft Guidelines for implementation of the recast Balika Samriddhi Yojana. The comments/suggestions related to:

- i) opening of interest bearing account to hold deposits of BSY benefits;
- ii) ownership of BSY beneficiaries account;
- iii) delivery mode for BSY benefits other than interest bearing account;
- iv) withdrawal from the interest bearing account to pay insurance premium;
- v) withdrawal from the interest bearing account towards purchase of text books and uniforms;
- vi) other procedures envisaged in the draft Guidelines; and

vii) administrative costs.

All the suggestions were taken into consideration while finalising the Guidelines for implementation of Balika Samriddhi Yojana. The Guidelines have already been issued to all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations followed by release of funds for implementation of the recast pattern of the scheme.

ANNEXURE

STATEWISE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEARS 1997-98, 1998-99 AND 1999-2000 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BALIKA SAMRIDDHI YOJANA

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No	Name of the State/UT	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	219.53	219.445	146.35
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1.65	1.02	1.10
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.32	6.82	6.21
4.	Assam	215.485	129.85	143.66
5.	Bihar	1068.69	630.75	712.46
6.	Chandigarh	1.92	1.42	1.28
7	Daman & Diu	0.70	0.57	0.47
8.	Delhi	18.815	18.815	12.54
9.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	0.80	
10.	Goa	3.34	3.34	2.23
11.	Gujarat	158.23	108.08	105.49
12.	Haryana	86.495	59.29	57.66
13.	Himachal Pradesh	27.745	27.725	18.50
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	52.5	48.74	35.00
15.	Karnataka	227.005	226.995	151.35
16.	Kerala	81.925	48.19	54.62
17.	Lakshadweep	0.39	0.39	0.26
18.	Madhya Pradesh	550.35	489.80	366.90
19.	Maharashtra	457.42	324.035	304.95
20	Manipur	11.48	6.03	7.65
21.	Meghalaya	17.845	9.08	11.90
22.	Mizoram	3.085	3.075	2.06
23.	Nagaland	5.305	3.125	3.54
24.	Orissa	332.115	332.115	221.41
25.	Pondicherry	5.03	5.03	3.35
26.	Punjab	42.415	38.23	28.28
27.	Rajasthan	325.675	244.84	217.12
28.	Sikkim	3.255	3.26	2.17
29.	Tamil Nadu	238.16	149.54	158.77
30.	Tripura	17.425	17.425	11.60
31.	Uttar Pradesh	1403.391	872.43	935.94
32.	West Bengal	412.775	236.495	275.18
Total		6000.00	4266.13	4000.00